



Docket No.: 1344.1046

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Nobuaki MITAMURA et al.

Serial No. 09/697,179

Group Art Unit: 2882

Confirmation No. 4454

Filed: October 27, 2000

Examiner: Krystyna Suchecki

For: AIRGAP TYPE ETALON APPARATUS UTILIZING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on March 5, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, was submitted April 2, 2004, thereby extending the period for response to April 5, 2004. An RCE and a Petition for a second one-month extension of time are being submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to May 5, 2004. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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